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Sen. Kuipers to serve on national migrant-education council

LANSING — Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, announced today he has joined the Michigan delegation of the Interstate Migrant Education Council, a national group that works to improve educational opportunities offered to children of migrant workers.

“I look forward to working with the council to strengthen educational programs that target these children,” Kuipers said. “Seasonal workers contribute so much to West Michigan’s economy and way of life, and in return their children deserve quality instruction.”

The council is made up of representatives from 17 states and Puerto Rico. The federal government provides money to those states to address the educational needs of an estimated 900,000 migrant children nationally. About 85 percent of those children are Hispanic.

Kuipers, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, was appointed by the Michigan Department of Education.

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